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SUBJ: CHATCHAI ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH NORTH KOREA

FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE
MAY 8. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS
REMARKS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE RTG AND NORTH KOREA.

REPORTER: WHEN THE NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES MET YOU,
WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS?

CHATCHAI: WE HELD AN ORDINARY CONVERSATION ON MATTERS IN
GENERAL, NOTHING SPECIAL. TO DAY WE HAVE ESTABLISHED RELATIONS
WITH NORTH KOREA.

REPORTER: THEY SAID THEY WILL OPEN THEIR EMBASSY HERE WITHIN
THIS YEAR. WILL WE OPEN OUR EMBASSY IN NORTH KOREA AT THE
SAME TIME?

CHATCHAI: THE OPENING OF OUR EMBASSY DEPENDS ON THE BUDGET.
WE WILL OPEN IT WHEN WE HAVE THE BUDGET.

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REPORTER: WHO IS IN CHARGE OF OUR INTERESTS IN NORTH

KOREA?

CHATCHAI: OUR EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD. SINCE NORTH KOREA MADE CONTACT WITH OUR EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, OUR EMBASSY THERE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF OUR INTERESTS IN NORTH KOREA UNTIL WE HAVE A BUDGET TO OPEN AN EMBASSY THERE.

REPORTER: DID THEY INVITE YOU TO GO TO NORTH KOREA?

CHATCHAI: THEY INVITED ME AND I ACCEPTED IT.
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